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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders, CPC

**Meeting No. 1**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Boshcoff for Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*  
James Latimer, Committee Clerk.  
*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.



Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Hon. Robert Thibault.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Boshcoff for Roger Valley.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* James Latimer, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Bev Shipley, it was agreed, — That Rob Anders be elected Chair of the Committee

On motion of Brent St. Denis, it was agreed, — That Anthony Rota be elected first Vice-Chair of the Committee

On motion of Ken Boshcoff, it was agreed, — That Peter Stoffer be elected second Vice-Chair of the Committee

Rob Anders took the Chair.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, —

That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work;

That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party;

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition;

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages;

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees;

That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses,

not exceeding one representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair;

That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting;

That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee;

That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

On motion of Brent St. Denis, it was agreed, — That the Committee meet on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, to discuss committee business.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/09 5:26 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders, CPC

**Meeting No. 2**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet,  
Hon. Robert Thibault  
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet, Hon. Robert Thibault and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Betty Hinton moved, — That for the meetings on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, and Thursday, June 1, 2006, witnesses be given, at the discretion of the Chair, ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement; That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning, seven (7) minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Liberals, Bloc Québécois, NDP and Conservatives. On the following rounds of questioning, five (5) minutes per party beginning with the Liberals, the Conservatives, the Bloc Québécois, the Conservatives, the Liberals, the Conservatives and the Liberals, and in a third round the order would be the same as in the second round with the NDP being able to ask questions at the end of the round; and that when a Minister is in attendance in the first round of questioning ten (10) minutes be allocated to each of the opposition parties and ten (10) minutes to the Conservative party, and in a second round five (5) minutes to each party in the following order; Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, Liberal, Conservative and Liberal, and in a third round the order would be the same as in the second round with the NDP being able to ask questions at the end of the round.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Betty Hinton, it was agreed, — That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a meeting of the Committee, which is televised if possible.

On motion of Betty Hinton, it was agreed, — That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a meeting of the Committee, which is televised if possible.

It was agreed, — That the Committee consider matters related to the Veterans Bill of Rights, the Veterans Ombudsman and the Veterans Independence Programme.

At 4:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michael MacPherson

Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/18 10:58 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet,  
Hon. Robert Thibault  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce Stanton for Betty Hinton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Veterans Review and Appeal Board:*  
Victor Marchand, Chair;  
Dale Sharkey, Director General.

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Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet, Hon. Robert Thibault and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Bruce Stanton for Betty Hinton.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Veterans Review and Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Chair; Dale Sharkey, Director General.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning in the following order : Liberal, seven (7) minutes, Bloc Québécois, seven (7) minutes, NDP, five (5) minutes and Conservative, seven (7) minutes, on the second round of questioning, five (5) minutes per party in the following order: Liberal, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Liberal, Conservative, Liberal, Conservative, Liberal and Conservative.

Robert Thibault moved, — That the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs recommend that Parliament institute the practice of lowering the flag on the Peace Tower to half-mast following the death of a soldier or other Canadian Government personnel who is killed in the line of duty on foreign soil.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible because it contravenes Standing Order 108(1).

Whereupon, Robert Thibault appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/31 1:49 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Thursday, June 1, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet,  
Hon. Robert Thibault  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*

Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister;  
Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

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Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, June 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet, Hon. Robert Thibault and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee commenced its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee commenced its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/01 5:39 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders, CPC

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Independence Programme.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
David Sweet,  
Hon. Robert Thibault  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Royal Canadian Legion:*  
Pierre Allard, Director, National Service Bureau;  
Mary Ann Burdett, Dominion President.

Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, David Sweet, Hon. Robert Thibault and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Royal Canadian Legion:* Pierre Allard, Director, National Service Bureau; Mary Ann Burdett, Dominion President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee commenced its study on the Veterans Independence Programme.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/07 1:40 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Thursday, June 8, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 under VETERANS AFFAIRS, referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
David Sweet,  
Hon. Robert Thibault  
Roger Valley

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Peter Stoffer,  
Hon. Keith Martin for Brent St. Denis.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, David Sweet, Hon. Robert Thibault and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Dennis Bevington for Peter Stoffer and Hon. Keith Martin for Brent St. Denis.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Greg Francis Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister; Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister. *Veterans Review and Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 under VETERANS AFFAIRS, referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under VETERANS AFFAIRS carried.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under VETERANS AFFAIRS to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Bev Shipley, it was agreed, — That this committee invite all interested stakeholders to the committee table in order to gather their input and provide the committee with their guidance on Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Bill of Rights, and on a Veterans Ombudsman.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/09 11:05 a.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Greg Francis Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*  
Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister;  
Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister.

*Veterans Review and Appeal Board:*  
Victor Marchand, Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Independence Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As individuals:* Sean Bruyea; Perry Gray; Tom Hoppe.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Independence Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

Sean Bruyea made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/15 8:09 a.m.

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As Individuals:*

Sean Bruyea;  
Perry Gray;  
Tom Hoppe.

Sean Bruyea made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Clerk of the Committee



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 8**

**Thursday, June 15, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Veterans Independence Programme.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude DeBellefeuille for Roger Gaudet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

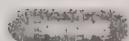
**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;  
Ken Miller, Director, Program Policy Directorate.

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Michael MacPherson  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, June 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Claude DeBellefeuille for Roger Gaudet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Ken Miller, Director, Program Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Veterans Independence Programme.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bev Shipley moved, — That the committee travel to Long Term Care facilities throughout Canada in order to gain better understanding of the service and care provided to Canadian Veterans with locations chosen from a list provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "to" the following: "the St. Anne de Bellevue hospital facility in Montreal as well as other".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the committee travel to the St. Anne de Bellevue hospital facility in Montreal as well as other Long Term Care facilities throughout Canada in order to gain better understanding of the service and care provided to Canadian Veterans with locations chosen from a list provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michael MacPherson

Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/16 10:46 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 9**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.



**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Betty Hinton, it was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter on behalf of the committee to express its condolences to the families of the lost soldiers in the riding of Algoma—Manitoulin—Kapuskasing and that the committee appreciate, very much, the sacrifice that they have made.

Bev Shipley moved, — That the committee travel to the St. Anne de Bellevue hospital facility in Montreal as well as the Ottawa Perley-Rideau center in order to gain better understanding of the service and care provided to Canadian Veterans.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter on behalf of the committee to Mary Ann Burdett, the past president of the Royal Canadian Legion, to thank her for her work and her advice to us, to welcome the new president and congratulate him on his new position and invite him to appear before the committee to ask how we can move forward together.

At 4:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/21 11:34 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 10**

**Monday, September 25, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*  
Richard Dupuis, Committee Clerk.  
*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Monday, September 25, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Clerk of the Committee, Alexandre Roger, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Richard Dupuis, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Bev Shipley moved, — That Rob Anders be elected Chair of the Committee.

Anthony Rota moved, — That Brent St. Denis be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Roger Gaudet moved, — That Peter Stoffer be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/27 9:37 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 11**

**Monday, October 2, 2006**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Betty Hinton,  
and Yvon Lévesque for Roger Gaudet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*The War Amps:*

H. Clifford Chadderton, Chief Executive Officer;  
Brian Forbes, Association Solicitor.

H. Clifford Chadderton made a statement and, with Brian Forbes, answered questions.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Monday, October 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Epp for Betty Hinton and Yvon Lévesque for Roger Gaudet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: The War Amps:* H. Clifford Chadderton, Chief Executive Officer; Brian Forbes, Association Solicitor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

H. Clifford Chadderton made a statement and, with Brian Forbes, answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/03 9:59 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 12**

**Monday, October 16, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and David Sweet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Royal Canadian Legion:*  
Jack Frost, Dominion President;

Pierre Allard, Director, Service Bureau, Dominion Command.

Jack Frost made a statement and, with Pierre Allard, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Monday, October 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: The Royal Canadian Legion:* Jack Frost, Dominion President; Pierre Allard, Director, Service Bureau, Dominion Command.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Jack Frost made a statement and, with Pierre Allard, answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 8:30 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 13**

**Monday, October 23, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and David Sweet.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Charles Hubbard for Rodger Cuzner,  
Christian Ouellet for Gilles-A. Perron,  
and Alan Tonks for Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Monday, October 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Charles Hubbard for Rodger Cuzner, Christian Ouellet for Gilles-A. Perron and Alan Tonks for Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, prior to December, we invite Roger Winzenberg from the Australian Executive Exchange to appear before the Committee.

At 4:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/24 10:11 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 14**

**Monday, October 30, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Casey for David Sweet,  
Ken Epp for Betty Hinton,  
and Hon. Belinda Stronach for Anthony Rota.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Korea Veterans Association of Canada:*  
Les Peate, National President;  
Gord Strathy, National Secretary.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Monday, October 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Bill Casey for David Sweet, Ken Epp for Betty Hinton and Hon. Belinda Stronach for Anthony Rota.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Korea Veterans Association of Canada:* Les Peate, National President; Gord Strathy, National Secretary.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

Les Peate and Gord Strathy made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ken Epp moved, — That members of the Standing Committee on Veteran's Affairs go on a Fact-Finding trip to Australia in December 2006.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/06 7:39 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 15**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs:*  
Michel Rossignol.

**WITNESSES:**

*Ombudsman Ontario:*

Barbara Finlay, Deputy Ombudsman , Director of Operations;  
André Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario.

André Marin made a statement and, with Barbara Finlay, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs:* Michel Rossignol.

*Witnesses: Ombudsman Ontario:* Barbara Finlay, Deputy Ombudsman, Director of Operations; André Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

André Marin made a statement and, with Barbara Finlay, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That, the committee travel to the Ottawa Perley-Rideau Centre facility on Wednesday, November 8, 2006.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/06 7:48 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 16**

**Monday, November 6, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Mark Eyking for Rodger Cuzner.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

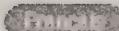
**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*

Col Don Ethell, (retired), Liaison Officer, Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping.

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Chad Mariage  
Committee Clerk



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Monday, November 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Mark Eyking for Rodger Cuzner.

*In attendance: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Col Don Ethell, (retired), Liaison Officer, Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage  
Committee Clerk

2006/11/07 1:59 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 17**

**Wednesday, November 22, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman:*

Yves Côté, Ombudsman;  
Mary McFadyen, General Counsel.

Yves Côté made a statement and, with Mary McFadyen, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:52 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman:* Yves Côté, Ombudsman; Mary McFadyen, General Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

Yves Côté made a statement and, with Mary McFadyen, answered questions.

On motion of Roger Gaudet, it was agreed, — That, the committee cancel the meeting of Wednesday, November 29, 2006.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 9:52 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 18**

**Monday, November 27, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Betty Hinton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association:*

Tom Hoppe, National President ;  
Larry Gollner, Special Assignments.

Tom Hoppe made a statement and, with Larry Gollner, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee



Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Monday, November 27, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Epp for Betty Hinton.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association:* Tom Hoppe, National President ; Larry Gollner, Special Assignments.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

Tom Hoppe made a statement and, with Larry Gollner, answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Gilles-A. Perron moved, — That, in its current study on the veterans ombudsman, the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs has heard a sufficient amount of witnesses to begin work on a draft report on the subject.

Debate arose thereon.

Colin Mayes moved the following amendment, — That, the motion be amended by adding the following words: “and that the committee hear the delegation from Australia prior to beginning the work on the draft report.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That, in its current study on the veterans ombudsman, the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs has heard a sufficient amount of witnesses to begin work on a draft report on the subject.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger

Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/30 10:43 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Monday, December 4, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Christopherson for Peter Stoffer.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*  
Roger Winzenberg, Australian Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Australian High Commission:*  
Lieutenant-Colonel Lyndon Anderson, Military Attaché.

Roger Winzenberg made a statement and, with Lieutenant-Colonel Lyndon Anderson, answered questions.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Monday, December 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* David Christopherson for Peter Stoffer.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Roger Winzenberg, Australian Department of Veterans Affairs. *Australian High Commission:* Lieutenant-Colonel Lyndon Anderson, Military Attaché.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

Roger Winzenberg made a statement and, with Lieutenant-Colonel Lyndon Anderson, answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:57 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, Keith Hillier be invited to appear before the committee on Wednesday, December 6, 2006.

Betty Hinton moved, — That, the committee continue with the ombudsman and the bill of rights as the committee agreed to at the beginning of the year, and that Mr. St. Denis' bill could possibly be the next piece of business that we do, once we finish the bill of rights and the ombudsman.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Bev Shipley, David Sweet — 4; NAYS: Roger Gaudet, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Brent St. Denis — 4.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/06 9:28 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 20**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Anthony Rota,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*  
Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

Keith Hillier made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/07 1:08 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 21**

**Monday, December 11, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

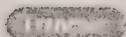
*Department of Veterans Affairs:*

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;  
Ken Miller, Director, Program Policy Directorate.

Brian Ferguson made a statement and, with Ken Miller, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee



Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Monday, December 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Ken Miller, Director, Program Policy Directorate.

The Committee Chair asked for but did not obtain unanimous consent to authorize senator Roméo Dallaire to participate in its work.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Brian Ferguson made a statement and, with Ken Miller, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the committee not have a meeting on Wednesday December 13, 2006.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — to invite Senator Roméo Dallaire for a meeting on the study of Veterans Bill of Rights.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rob Anders.

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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, January 30, 2007



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Anthony Rota for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

*Associate Members present:* Inky Mark.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 10:46 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/01/30 2:14 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 23**

**Thursday, February 1, 2007**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/01 12:34 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 24**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2007**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Yvon Lévesque for Jean-Yves Roy.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee continued its study on the Veterans Ombudsman.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: A Helping Hand for Veterans: Mandate for a Veterans Ombudsman.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held after the tabling of the Committee's report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Committee not sit on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

At 10:16 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/15 9:31 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 25**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Jean-Yves Roy,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the following witness: Victor Marchand, Veterans Review and Appeal Board be invited to appear on February 15, 2007 in relation to the study on Veterans Bill of Rights.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Hon. Greg Francis Thompson and Suzanne Tining, Department of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear on February 20, 2007 in relation to the study on Veterans Bill of Rights.

On motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Dr. Pascale Brillion, Professor at the University of Montreal and Dr. Robert Belzile be invited to appear in relation to the study on Veterans Independence Programme, specifically in relations to Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

At 9:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/19 12:20 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 26**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Colin Mayes,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Jean-Yves Roy,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Veterans Review and Appeal Board:*

Victor Marchand, Chair;  
Laura A. Kell, Legal Advisor.

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James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Colin Mayes, Gilles-A. Perron, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Veterans Review and Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Chair; Laura A. Kell, Legal Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:29 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

2007/02/15 1:22 p.m.

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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 27**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roger Gaudet for Jean-Yves Roy.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Greg Francis Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*  
Suzanne Tining, Deputy Minister.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Roger Gaudet for Jean-Yves Roy.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Greg Francis Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Suzanne Tining, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Hon. Greg Francis Thompson and Suzanne Tining made statements and answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/21 10:33 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 28**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Jean-Yves Roy,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*

Pascale Brillon, Psychologist and Professor, University of  
Montreal.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:13 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Pascale Brillon, Psychologist and Professor, University of Montreal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Dr. Pascale Brillon made a statement and answered questions.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That the Committee travel to Vimy, France from April 5, 2007 to April 10, 2007 for the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

On motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Dr. Stéphane Guay, Louis-H Hospital; Dr. Alain Brunet, professor at McGill University and Christine Routhier be invited to appear in relation to the study on Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

At 11:12 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Vice-Chair: Brent St. Denis.

**Meeting No. 29**

**Thursday, March 1, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rodger Cuzner,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Jean-Yves Roy,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and David Sweet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*  
Dr. Robert Belzile.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rodger Cuzner, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Dr. Robert Belzile.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Dr. Belzile made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:41 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 113,886, for the period of April 5, 2007 to April 10, 2007, be adopted and that the Vice-Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Vice-Chair: Peter Stoffer.

**Meeting No. 30**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Jean-Yves Roy,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Veterans Affairs Canada:*  
Kathy Darte, Program Co-Manager, Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee.

*As an Individual:*

Col Donald S. Ethell, (retired), Chair, Joint Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee .

*Department of National Defence:*

LCol Jim Jamieson, (retired), Medical Advisor, Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee;  
Maj Mariane Le Beau, Project Manager, Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee.

Col Donald S. Ethell, (retired), made a presentation and, with Maj Mariane LeBeau, Kathy Darte, LCol Jim Jamieson, (retired), answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Veterans Affairs Canada:* Kathy Darte, Program Co-Manager, Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee. *As an individual:* Col Donald S. Ethell, (retired), Chair, Joint Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee. *Department of National Defence:* LCol Jim Jamieson, (retired), Medical Advisor, Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee; Maj Mariane Le Beau, Project Manager, Operational Stress Injury Social Support Advisory Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Col Donald S. Ethell, (retired), made a presentation and, with Maj Mariane LeBeau, Kathy Darte, LCol Jim Jamieson, (retired), answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses:

*Veterans Affairs Canada:* Doug Clorey, policy director and Dr. Don Richardson, Chief Warrant (Retired)

*Gerontological Advisory Council:* Victor Marshall, Ph.D; Dorothy Pringle, RN, Ph.D; Norah Keating, Ph.D; François Béland, Ph.D; Dr. Bernard Groulx; Douglas H. Rapelje; Col. Donald M. Thompson, CD (Retired); Pierre Allard; Hon. Orville H. Phillips; Jean McMillan; Kenneth W. Henderson; Dr. Robin Poole; Dr. Howard Zacharias; Anne Martin-Matthews, Ph.D and Marcus J. Hollander, Ph.D

*Department of National Defence:* Dave McArdle, Operational Stress Injury Social Support (OSISS)

be invited to appear in relation to the study on Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/21 2:15 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: Brent St. Denis.

**Meeting No. 31**

**Thursday, March 22, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Jean-Yves Roy,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*  
Dr. Stéphane Guay, Psychologist and Director, Centre d'étude sur le trauma.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Dr. Stéphane Guay, Psychologist and Director, Centre d'étude sur le trauma.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Dr. Stéphane Guay made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/22 12:09 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: Brent St. Denis.

**Meeting No. 32**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Jean-Yves Roy,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Storseth for John Cummins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Brian Storseth for John Cummins.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Roger Valley moved, — That the Committee continues its investigation into Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and at its conclusion the Committee reports to the House as the first part of its study on Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Debate arose thereon.

Betty Hinton moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words “Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder” the following: “of veterans”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Betty Hinton and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on division.

At 10:39 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 33**

**Thursday, March 29, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Jean-Yves Roy,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and David Sweet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel;  
Melanie Mortensen, Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Melanie Mortensen, Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

Rob Walsh and Melanie Mortensen made statements and answered questions.

At 9:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/29 11:16 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 34**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Raymond Gravel for Jean-Yves Roy.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Raymond Gravel for Jean-Yves Roy.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Bill of Rights.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That, the Committee report to the House recommending that room 112-N of the Center Block be named the Veterans' Room and that the room be decorated accordingly.

At 10:14 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/17 11:58 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

----- : Brent St. Denis.

**Meeting No. 35**

**Thursday, April 19, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christian Ouellet for Jean-Yves Roy.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*

Bryson Guptill, Director General, Program and Service Policy Division;

Raymond Lalonde, Director, National Centre for Operational Stress Injuries, Ste. Anne's Hospital.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Christian Ouellet for Jean-Yves Roy.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Bryson Guptill, Director General, Program and Service Policy Division; Raymond Lalonde, Director, National Centre for Operational Stress Injuries, Ste. Anne's Hospital.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Raymond Lalonde and Bryson Guptill made statements and answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:46 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee suspend its study of a Bill of Rights until such time as a written response is received from the Minister of Veterans Affairs with respect to the following:

- 1) What is the legal standing and enforcement provisions of the now posted "Bill of Rights?"
- 2) Should the posted statement of rights, absent any legal standing, be more accurately called a Mission Statement or Code of Conduct?
- 3) Is the Minister or Government open to suggestions including adding enforcement measures to the posted statement of rights?

And that the Chair be asked to convey this resolution in a letter to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. .

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/19 11:40 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 36**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of National Defence:*

Chantal Descôteaux, Base Surgeon Canadian Forces Base Valcartier, Acting Brigade Surgeon;  
Marc-André Dufour, Psychologist, Mental Health Services, Canadian Forces Base Valcartier ;  
Margaret Ramsay, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Canadian Forces Mental Health Initiative.

Margaret Ramsay made a statement and, with the Maj Chantal Descôteaux and Marc-André Dufour, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of National Defence:* Chantal Descôteaux, Base Surgeon Canadian Forces Base Valcartier, Acting Brigade Surgeon; Marc-André Dufour, Psychologist, Mental Health Services, Canadian Forces Base Valcartier ; Margaret Ramsay, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Canadian Forces Mental Health Initiative.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Margaret Ramsay made a statement and, with the Maj Chantal Descôteaux and Marc-André Dufour, answered questions.

At 10:51 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:55 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1 (1), the Committee present a report to the House requesting an extra 30 sitting day extension to complete its consideration of bill C-287 - An Act respecting a National Peacekeepers' Day.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/24 2:21 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 37**

**Thursday, April 26, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Gerontological Advisory Council:*  
Victor Marshall, Chair.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by teleconference at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Gerontological Advisory Council:* Victor Marshall, Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses:

*Royal Canadian Legion:* Jack Frost, Dominion President

*National Council of Veteran Associations:* H. Cliff Chadderton, Chief Executive Officer

*Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada:* John Thompson, Dominion President

*Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans' Association:* Tom Hoppe, National President

*Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping:* Ron Griffis, National President

*Gulf War Veterans' Association of Canada:* Colonel (ret) Donald S. Ethell, Honorary President

Jeff Bentley, President

*Department of National Defence*

*Department of Veterans Affairs*

be invited to appear on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 in relation to the study on Bill C-287, An Act respecting a National Peacekeepers' Day Veterans.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Dr. Victor Marshall made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 3:49 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 38**

**Tuesday, May 1, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 23, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-287, An Act respecting a National Peacekeepers' Day.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.  
*House of Commons:*  
Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

**WITNESSES:**

*Gulf War Veterans Association of Canada:*  
Col Donald S. Ethell, (retired), Honorary President.

*Royal Canadian Legion:*  
Jack Frost, Dominion President;  
Brad White, Director of Administration.

*Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping:*  
Ron Griffis, National President.

*Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans in Canada:*  
Gerry Wharton, Honorary Dominion President.

*Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association:*  
Ray Kokkonen, National Vice-President.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

*Witnesses:* *Gulf War Veterans Association of Canada:* Col Donald S. Ethell, (retired), Honorary President. *Royal Canadian Legion:* Jack Frost, Dominion President; Brad White, Director of Administration. *Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping:* Ron Griffis, National President. *Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans in Canada:* Gerry Wharton, Honorary Dominion President. *Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association:* Ray Kokkonen, Vice-President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 23, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-287, An Act respecting a National Peacekeepers' Day.

Col Donald S. Ethell (retired), Jack Frost, Ron Griffis, Gerry Wharton and Ray Kokkonen made statements and answered questions.

At 10:19 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:28 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

On Clause 2,

It was agreed, — That Bill C-287, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 1 to 3 on page 2 with the following:

“JOURNÉE NATIONALE DES GARDIENS DE LA PAIX (CASQUES BLEUS)

2. Le 9 août est, dans tout le Canada, désigné comme “Journée nationale des Gardiens de la paix (Casques bleus)”.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

Clause 3 was negated.

On Clause 4,

It was agreed, — That Bill C-287, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 7 on page 2 with the following:

“Gardiens de la paix (Casques bleus) n'est pas une fête légale ni un”

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

On Clause 1,

It was agreed, — That Bill C-287, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 25 and 26 on page 1 with the following:

“1.*Loi sur la Journée nationale des Gardiens de la paix (Casques bleus).*”

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

On the Preamble,

It was agreed, — That Bill C-287, in the Preamble, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 10 on page 1 with the following:

“participating in peacekeeping and peace support operations along with many members of Canadian police services, diplomats and civilians;”

It was agreed, — That Bill C-287, in the Preamble, be amended

(a) by replacing, in the French version, line 13 on page 1 with the following:

“que cent soixante-quatre Gardiens de la paix (Casques bleus)”

(b) by replacing, in the French version, line 18 on page 1 with the following:

“que le 9 août 1974, neuf Gardiens de la paix (Casques bleus)”

The Preamble, as amended, carried.

On the Title,

It was agreed, — That Bill C-287 be amended by replacing, in the French version, the long title on page 1 with the following:

“Loi instituant la Journée nationale des Gardiens de la paix (Casques bleus)”

The Title, as amended, carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-287, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/02 2:15 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 39**

**Thursday, May 3, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and David Sweet.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christian Ouellet for Roger Gaudet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*Acting Members present:* Christian Ouellet for Roger Gaudet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

It was agreed, — That departmental officials from Veterans Affairs Canada and members of the Gerontological advisory council be invited to appear in relation to the study on Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review on the meeting of Tuesday May 8th.

It was agreed, — To hold two informal meetings with individuals suffering of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from different regions of Canada including Louise Richard, Sean Bruyea, individuals from the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue Hospital and the Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre.

At 9:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 12:12 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 40**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christian Ouellet for Gilles-A. Perron.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

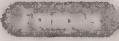
*Department of Veterans Affairs:*

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;  
Darragh Mogan, Executive Director, Service and Program  
Modernization Task Force.

Brian Ferguson made a statement and, with the Darragh Mogan, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Christian Ouellet for Gilles-A. Perron.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Darragh Mogan, Executive Director, Service and Program Modernization Task Force.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Brian Ferguson made a statement and, with the Darragh Mogan, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That when room 112-N Center Block be named the Veterans Room, the Committee hold a reception with various Veterans groups and discuss the room's decoration with them.

At 10:39 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/08 11:29 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 41**

**Thursday, May 10, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Gerontological Advisory Council:*  
Norah Keating, member and long-term care and mental health specialist.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by teleconference at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Gerontological Advisory Council:* Norah Keating, member and long-term care and mental health specialist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Norah Keating made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/10 1:13 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 42**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*

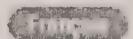
Hon. Roméo A. Dallaire.

*Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:*

Gilles-A. Perron.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Hon. Roméo A. Dallaire. *Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Gilles-A. Perron.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Hon. Roméo A. Dallaire made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:36 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Gilles-A. Perron made a presentation and answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/15 1:53 p.m.

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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 43**

**Thursday, May 17, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Colin Mayes for David Sweet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Colin Mayes for David Sweet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:12 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:17 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

At 10:43 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 44**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2007**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Pierre Lemieux for Betty Hinton.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget to support the Committee's travel as part of its study on Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review in the amount of \$136,019, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/29 3:39 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 45**

**Thursday, May 31, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Gerontological Advisory Council:*  
Dorothy Pringle, Council member.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by teleconference at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Gerontological Advisory Council:* Dorothy Pringle, Council member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Dorothy Pringle made a statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to the DND-VAC Centre for the Support of Injured and Retired Members and their Families on Thursday June 7th 2006.

At 10:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:44 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/31 3:14 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 46**

**Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Gerontological Advisory Council:*

Pierre Allard, Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Director.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Gerontological Advisory Council:* Pierre Allard, Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Pierre Allard made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/05 1:31 p.m.

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**EVIDENCE**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**Meeting No. 47**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

**IN CAMERA**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Rodger Cuzner, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: *Support for Veterans and Other Victims of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Other Operational Stress Injuries*.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: *Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVETS)*: Kenneth Henderson, Dominion President; *Canadian Association for Veterans of United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP)*: Douglas Townsend, National Vice-President; *The War Amps*: Clifford H. Chadderton, Chief Executive Officer; representatives from the *Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association (CPVA)* and *Gulf War Veterans Association of Canada*, be invited to appear in relation to the study on Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

It was agreed, — That the following witness: *National Service Bureau, The War Amputations of Canada*: Jean McMillan, Assistant Director Administration, be invited to appear on Thursday June 14, 2007 in relation to the study on Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/12 3:01 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 48**

**Thursday, June 14, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and David Sweet.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Roy Cullen for Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association:*  
Ray Kokkonen, National Vice-President.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Roy Cullen for Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association:* Ray Kokkonen, National Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 16 2006, the Committee resumed its study on the Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review.

Ray Kokkonen made a statement and answered questions.

Roger Gaudet moved, — That the Committee adjourn until Fall.

Debate arose thereon.

Brent St. Denis moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words “unless the Chair deems it appropriate to call a meeting next week” at the end of the motion.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brent St. Denis and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 10:39 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/14 12:41 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Clerk of the Committee: Alexandre Roger.

**Meeting No. 1**

Thursday, November 15, 2007

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.



**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*

Michelle Tittley, Procedural Clerk.

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Michelle Tittley, Procedural Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That Rob Anders be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Roger Valley, it was agreed, — That Brent St. Denis be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Roger Gaudet, it was agreed, — That Peter Stoffer be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Rob Anders took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least [3] members are present, including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals at every meeting of the Committee, and that the cost of these meals be charged

to the Committee budget.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnessses not exceeding two [2] representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an *in camera* meeting.

It was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the susbstantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning in the following order : Liberal, seven (7) minutes, Bloc Québécois, seven (7) minutes, NDP, five (5) minutes and Conservative, seven (7) minutes, on the second round of questioning, five (5) minutes per party in the following order: Liberal, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Liberal, Conservative, Liberal, Conservative, Liberal and Conservative.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Veterans Ombudsman at his earliest convenience.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/16 3:43 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Boshcoff for Brent St. Denis,  
and Nathan Cullen for Peter Stoffer.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*  
Ken Miller, Director, Program Policy Directorate;  
Darragh Mogan, Director General, Program and Service Policy  
Division.

Darragh Mogan and Ken Miller made statements and answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by teleconference at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Boshcoff for Brent St. Denis and Nathan Cullen for Peter Stoffer.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Ken Miller, Director, Program Policy Directorate; Darragh Mogan, Director General, Program and Service Policy Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced its study of the Veterans Independence Program.

Darragh Mogan and Ken Miller made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Committee on Veterans Affairs work with the Department of National Defense and Veterans Affairs Canada to arrange a study tour of Afghanistan operations.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses:

ANAVETS (Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada);

Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations on Peacekeeping (CAVUNP): Ron Griffis, President;

National Service Bureau, The War Amps of Canada: Jean McMillan, director;

The War Amps of Canada: Brian Forbes;

Gulf War Veterans Association of Canada: Colonel (ret) Donald S. Ethell, Honorary President;

Gerontological Advisory Council: Marcus J. Hollander;

Department of Veterans Affairs: David Pedlar, Director of research;

University of North Carolina: Mary Altpeter, Health Promotion Specialist;

National Seniors Council: Jean-Guy Soulière, Chair;

Veterans Review and Appeal Board: Victor Marchand, Chair;

Veterans Review and Appeal Board: Dale Sharkey, Director General;

Ordre des psychologues du Québec and

Jenifer Migneault,

be invited to appear in relation to the Veterans Independence Program and Health Care Review.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 8:05 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, November 22, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Review and Appeal Board selection process.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Marston for Peter Stoffer,  
and Scott Simms for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Veterans Review and Appeal Board:*

Victor Marchand, Chair;  
Dale Sharkey, Director General.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by videoconference at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Wayne Marston for Peter Stoffer and Scott Simms for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Veterans Review and Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Chair; Dale Sharkey, Director General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced its study of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board selection process.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bev Shipley moved, — That the Committee on Veterans Affairs work with Veterans Affairs Canada to arrange a study tour of Canadian bases and their operations as part of our discussion on Health Care and the Veterans Independence Program.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 8:05 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dean Allison for David Sweet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As Individuals:*  
Jenifer Migneault;  
Claude Rainville.

Jenifer Migneault made a statement and, with Claude Rainville, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for David Sweet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As individuals:* Jenifer Migneault; Claude Rainville.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Independence Program.

Jenifer Migneault made a statement and, with Claude Rainville, answered questions.

At 12:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee in relation to the motion adopted on November 22nd, 2007, travel to CFB Comox, CFB Cold Lake, CFB Shearwater and CFB Goosebay during a one week trip, and that the Committee also arrange for one day field trips to CFB Valcartier and CFB Petawawa in two (2) different days.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/28 8:00 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Thursday, November 29, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Colonel Patrick B. Stogran to the position of Veterans Ombudsman which was referred to the Committee on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and David Sweet.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lui Temelkovski for Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Veterans Ombudsman:*  
Patrick B. Stogran, Ombudsman.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*Acting Members present:* Lui Temelkovski for Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Veterans Ombudsman:* Patrick B. Stogran, Ombudsman.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Colonel Patrick B. Stogran to the position of Veterans Ombudsman which was referred to the Committee on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

Patrick B. Stogran made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Brent St. Denis moved, — That the recently appointed first Veterans Affairs Ombudsman be sent a copy of the Veterans Affairs Committee testimony of the November 27th, 2007 meeting during which witnesses Jenifer Migneault and her husband Claude Rainville provided a case study in how difficult it seems for veterans diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to access services. And further that at some appropriate time, as soon as possible after his office has been established and he has considered their testimony, the Ombudsman be asked to offer his comments and possible recommendations.

Gilles-A. Perron moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “Post Traumatic stress Disorder” with the words “psychological injuries (PTSD)”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Gilles-A. Perron and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the recently appointed first Veterans Affairs Ombudsman be sent a copy of the Veterans Affairs

Committee testimony of the November 27th, 2007 meeting during which witnesses Jenifer Migneault and her husband Claude Rainville provided a case study in how difficult it seems for veterans diagnosed with psychological injuries (PTSD) to access services. And further that at some appropriate time, as soon as possible after his office has been established and he has considered their testimony, the Ombudsman be asked to offer his comments and possible recommendations.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/07 3:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Betty Hinton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Gerontological Advisory Council:*  
Marcus J. Hollander, Member.

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*  
David Pedlar, Director of Research, Research Information  
Directorate.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by teleconference at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Epp for Betty Hinton.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Gerontological Advisory Council:* Marcus J. Hollander, Member. *Department of Veterans Affairs:* David Pedlar, Director of Research, Research Information Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

David Pedlar and Marcus J. Hollander made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the analyst prepare a draft report on the Veterans Independence Program and Health Care Review for the Standing Committee's consideration at the meeting of Thursday December 13, 2007.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/07 3:00 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 7**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Betty Hinton,  
and Laurie Hawn for David Sweet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Fédération des aînées et aînés francophones du Canada:*  
Willie Lurette, President;  
Marc Ryan, First Vice-President (Ontario).

*International Federation on Ageing:*  
Greg Shaw, Director, International and Corporate Relations.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Epp for Betty Hinton and Laurie Hawn for David Sweet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* *Fédération des aînées et aînés francophones du Canada:* Willie Lurette, President; Marc Ryan, First Vice-President (Ontario). *International Federation on Ageing:* Greg Shaw, Director, International and Corporate Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Willie Lurette, Marc Ryan and Greg Shaw made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 134, 886, for the Committee's travel to CFB Shearwater, CFB Goosebay, CFB Comox and CFB Cold Lake on January-February 2008 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 1, 948, for the Committee's travel to CFB Petawawa on January-February be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 30, 736, for the Committee's travel to CFB Valcartier on January-February be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/06 2:55 p.m.



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**EVIDENCE**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CANADIAN MISSION IN  
AFGHANISTAN**

Chair: Pierre Lemieux.

**Meeting No. 8**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

**IN CAMERA**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Special Committee on the Canadian Mission in Afghanistan met *in camera* at 1:05 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Pierre Lemieux, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Vivian Barbot, Dawn Black, Sylvie Boucher, Gerald Keddy, Pierre Lemieux, Dave MacKenzie and Bernard Patry.

*Acting Members present:* Robert Bouchard for Claude Bachand, Wajid Khan for Deepak Obhrai, Hon. Maria Minna for Hon. Bob Rae and Mike Wallace for Laurie Hawn.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Cox, Analyst; James Lee, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of April 8, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as a report to the House and that the Chair or his/her designate present it to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/18 11:30 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 9**

**Thursday, December 13, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Betty Hinton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping:*  
Ronald Griffis, National President.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Epp for Betty Hinton.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping:* Ronald Griffis, National President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Ronald Griffis made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Brent St. Denis, it was agreed, — That the Chair present once again the same proposed budget in the amount of \$ 134, 886, for the Committee's travel to CFB Shearwater, CFB Goose Bay, CFB Comox and CFB Cold Lake on January-February 2008 to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/18 12:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 10**

**Tuesday, January 29, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jean-Yves Roy for Roger Gaudet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging:*  
Clara Fitzgerald, Program Director.

*University of Western Ontario:*  
Mark Speechley, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and  
Biostatistics, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Jean-Yves Roy for Roger Gaudet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging:* Clara Fitzgerald, Program Director. *University of Western Ontario:* Mark Speechley, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses:

Aboriginal Veterans Association of Canada;

Canadian National Institute for the Blind: Cathy Moore, National Director;

Canadian National Institute for the Blind: Bernard Nunan, Researcher, Writer;

Korea Veterans Association of Canada: Terry Wickens, National President;

National Initiative for the care of the Elderly (NICE): Maggie Gibson, member and

Simon Fraser University: Gloria Gutman, professor

be invited to appear in relation to the Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

At 5:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/06 3:44 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 11**

**Thursday, January 31, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Public Health Agency of Canada:*

John Cox, Acting Director, Division of Ageing and Seniors;  
Claude Rocan, Director General, Centre for Health Promotion.

*Canadian Institutes of Health Research:*

Linda Mealing, Assistant Director, Partnerships, Institute of Aging.

*Department of Health:*

Nancy Milroy-Swainson, Director, Chronic and Continuing Care  
Division. Health Policy Branch.

Claude Rocan made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada:* John Cox, Acting Director, Division of Ageing and Seniors; Claude Rocan, Director General, Centre for Health Promotion. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Linda Mealing, Assistant Director, Partnerships, Institute of Aging. *Department of Health:* Nancy Milroy-Swainson, Director, Chronic and Continuing Care Division. Health Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Claude Rocan made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the document entitled Submission to ACVA on the Veterans Independence Program by the army, navy and air force Veterans in Canada association (ANAVETS), presented by Lorne McCartney / ANAVETS, who could not appear at our meeting of December 13 2007 because of an illness, be appended in the *Evidence* of that Committee meeting.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to Goose Bay on February 13, 2008 instead of February 15, 2008, if the accomodations can be made with CFB Goose Bay in relation to its study on Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 118,434, for the Committee's travel to CFB Shearwater, CFB Goose Bay, CFB Comox and CFB Cold Lake in February 2008 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/04 7:49 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 12**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind):*

Catherine Moore, National Director , Consumer and Government Relations;

Bernard Nunan, Researcher, Writer, National Office, Ottawa.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind):* Catherine Moore, National Director, Consumer and Government Relations; Bernard Nunan, Researcher, Writer, National Office, Ottawa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Bernard Nunan and Catherine Moore made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee leave CFB Goose Bay on February 15th, 2008 in time to arrive in Ottawa at 6h p.m.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/08 8:49 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 13**

**Thursday, February 7, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis  
and Peter Stoffer.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gérard Asselin for Roger Gaudet,  
Ken Epp for David Sweet,  
and Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.  
*House of Commons:*  
Kate Bourke, Logistics Officer.

**WITNESSES:**

*National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly :*  
Maggie Gibson, Member, Psychologist, Veterans Care Program.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis and Peter Stoffer.

*Acting Members present:* Gérard Asselin for Roger Gaudet, Ken Epp for David Sweet and Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Kate Bourke, Logistics Officer.

*Witnesses: National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly :* Maggie Gibson, Member, Psychologist, Veterans Care Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Maggie Gibson made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/13 3:13 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 14**

**Thursday, February 28, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 1, 948, for the Committee's travel to CFB Petawawa in April 2008 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 30, 736, for the Committee's travel to CFB Valcartier in April 2008 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the committee obtain and distribute to each member a copy of the book "On Killing" by LCol Dave Grossman.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses:

The Royal Canadian Legion: Sgt Max Peddle, President of Branch 51;

Military Family and Resource Center (Halifax and Region): Colleen Calvert, Executive Director;

As an individual: LGen (retired) Michel Maisonneuve

As an individual: Heather MacKinnon, Psychologist/therapist and

Department of National Defence: BGen Hilary Jaeger and MGen Walter Semianiw

be invited to appear in relation to to appear in relation to the Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Peter Stoffer moved, — That the following witness:

Killology Research Group: LCol (retired) Dave Grossman, Director

be invited to appear in relation to the Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

It was agreed, — That representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear in relation to the Main Estimates.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/07 10:44 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 15**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Simon Fraser University:*

Gloria Gutman, Co-leader of BC Network for Aging Research ,  
Former Director and Professor Emeritus, Gerontology Research  
Centre and Department of Gerontology.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Simon Fraser University:* Gloria Gutman, Co-leader of BC Network for Aging Research, Former Director and Professor Emeritus, Gerontology Research Centre and Department of Gerontology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Gloria Gutman made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/05 8:47 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 16**

**Thursday, March 6, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barry Devolin for Ron Cannan,  
and Thierry St-Cyr for Roger Gaudet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Korea Veterans Association of Canada:*  
Les Peate, Immediate past President.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Barry Devolin for Ron Cannan and Thierry St-Cyr for Roger Gaudet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Korea Veterans Association of Canada:* Les Peate, Immediate past President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Les Peate made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Peter Stoffer moved, — That, in relation to its study on PTSD, Veterans Independence Program and Health Care Review, the Committee on Veterans Affairs travel to Cyprus to gain a thorough understanding of the decompression period for troops returning to Canada from Afghanistan.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

By unanimous consent, on motion of David Sweet, it was agreed, — That notwithstanding the 48 hours notice routine motion, Mr. Sweet be allowed to move a motion.

On motion of David Sweet, it was agreed, — That the committee obtain and distribute to each member a copy of the book "The War That Wasn't. Canadians in Korea", published in 2005 by Les Peate.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/07 10:56 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Vice-Chair: Brent St. Denis.

**Meeting No. 17**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer  
and David Sweet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Military Family Resource Centre, Halifax and Region:*  
Colleen Calvert, Executive Director;  
Wendy Purcell, Adult and Family Services Coordinator.

Colleen Calvert made a statement and, with Wendy Purcell, answered questions.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Military Family Resource Centre, Halifax and region:* Colleen Calvert, Executive Director; Wendy Purcell, Adult and Family Services Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Colleen Calvert made a statement and, with Wendy Purcell, answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/12 1:19 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 18**

**Thursday, March 13, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Shawn Murphy for Todd Norman Russell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*National Aboriginal Veterans Association:*  
Alastair MacPhee, Policy Advisor;  
Claude Petit, President.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Shawn Murphy for Todd Norman Russell.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: National Aboriginal Veterans Association:* Alastair MacPhee, Policy Advisor; Claude Petit, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:26 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That Helen Cough be invited to appear in relation to the Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/14 12:15 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Bouchard for Roger Gaudet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*  
Helen Gough, Occupational Therapist and military spouse.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Robert Bouchard for Roger Gaudet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Helen Gough, Occupational Therapist and military spouse.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Helen Gough made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a Study of the Comparison of Veterans Services offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses:

United Kingdom: Derek Twigg, Minister for Veterans;

United States: Hon. James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

Australia: Hon. Alan Griffin, Minister of Veterans Affairs; and

New Zealand, Hon. Rick Barker, Minister of Veterans Affairs

be invited to appear in relation to the Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of Commonwealth and G8.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/02 11:47 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 20**

**Thursday, April 3, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Brent St. Denis,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Peter Stoffer,  
Rob Merrifield for Bev Shipley,  
and Bruce Stanton for Ron Cannan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

## WITNESSES:

*Ordre des psychologues du Québec:*

Stéphane Beaulieu, Secretary General;  
Marie-Josée Lemieux, Vice-President;  
Édith Lorquet, Legal Counsel and Secretary of the Discipline Committee .

Marie-Josée Lemieux made a statement and, with Stéphane Beaulieu and Édith Lorquet, answered questions.

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Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, April 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Brent St. Denis, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Dennis Bevington for Peter Stoffer, Rob Merrifield for Bev Shipley and Bruce Stanton for Ron Cannan.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Ordre des psychologues du Québec:* Stéphane Beaulieu, Secretary General; Marie-Josée Lemieux, Vice-President; Édith Lorquet, Legal Counsel and Secretary of the Discipline Committee .

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

Marie-Josée Lemieux made a statement and, with Stéphane Beaulieu and Édith Lorquet, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Order adopted on February 28, 2008 to invite Heather MacKinnon, Psychologist/therapist and BGen Hilary Jaeger and MGen Walter Semianiw from the department of National Defence be rescinded.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/04 4:54 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 21**

**Thursday, April 10, 2008**

**IN CAMERA**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer and David Sweet.

*Acting Members present:* Rob Clarke for Betty Hinton, Nicole Demers for Roger Gaudet, Hon. Carol Skelton for Betty Hinton and Lui Temelkovski for Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Order adopted on February 28, 2008 inviting Sgt. Max Peddle, President of Branch 51 from the Royal Canadian Legion to appear, be rescinded.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/05 1:10 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 22**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1st 2008, the Committee commenced its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rob Clarke for Betty Hinton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Veterans Affairs:*  
Ken Miller, Director, Program Policy Directorate;  
Darragh Mogan, Director General, Program and Service Policy  
Division.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Rob Clarke for Betty Hinton.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs:* Ken Miller, Director, Program Policy Directorate; Darragh Mogan, Director General, Program and Service Policy Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1st 2008, the Committee commenced its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

Darragh Mogan and Ken Miller made statements and answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/30 1:01 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 23**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008**

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**IN CAMERA**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis and Peter Stoffer.

*Acting Members present:* Rob Clarke for Betty Hinton, Rahim Jaffer for David Sweet and Paul Steckle for Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/07 10:39 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 24**

**Thursday, May 8, 2008**

**IN CAMERA**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, May 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley and Brent St. Denis.

*Acting Members present:* Rob Clarke for Betty Hinton, Rob Moore for David Sweet and Pierre Poilievre for Ron Cannan.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/09 9:44 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 25**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008**

**IN CAMERA**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Bruce Stanton for Ron Cannan.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed its study of Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program.

It was agreed, — That the evidence received by the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs in relation to its study on Veterans Health Care Review and Veterans Independence Program during the first Session of the 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament, be taken into consideration by the Committee in the current session.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Resetting the Bar for Veterans Health Care: the Veterans Independence Program and the Veterans Health Care Review.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/14 10:03 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Vice-Chair: Peter Stoffer.

**Meeting No. 26**

**Thursday, May 15, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis  
and Peter Stoffer.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Harold Albrecht for Ron Cannan,  
Rob Clarke for David Sweet,  
and Nicole Demers for Roger Gaudet.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command:*  
Carl A Castro, Director, Military Operational Medicine Research  
Program, Headquarters.

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Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by videoconference at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, Peter Stoffer, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis and Peter Stoffer.

*Acting Members present:* Harold Albrecht for Ron Cannan, Rob Clarke for David Sweet and Nicole Demers for Roger Gaudet.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command:* Carl A Castro, Director, Military Operational Medicine Research Program, Headquarters.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

Carl Castro made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:45 p.m. Rob Anders took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Bev Shipley, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report entitled: Resetting the Bar for Veterans Health Care: the Veterans Independence Program and the Veterans Health Care Review, to the House on May 28, 2008 followed by a press conference.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Gilles-A. Perron, it was agreed, — That the Committee undertake a study on the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2008-2009.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/16 3:34 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 27**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Vote 1, 5, 10 and 15 under VETERANS AFFAIRS referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2008-2009: Vote 10a and 15a under VETERANS AFFAIRS referred to the Committee on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Brent St. Denis  
and David Sweet.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus for Peter Stoffer.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Brent St. Denis and David Sweet.

*Acting Members present:* Charlie Angus for Peter Stoffer.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Greg Francis Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

*Witnesses: Veterans Review and Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Chair. *Department of Veterans Affairs:* Suzanne Tining, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Vote 1, 5, 10 and 15 under VETERANS AFFAIRS referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

The Chair called Vote 1 under VETERANS AFFAIRS.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2008-2009: Vote 10a and 15a under VETERANS AFFAIRS referred to the Committee on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

The Chair called Vote 1 under VETERANS AFFAIRS.

The Minister and the witnesses answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/28 1:42 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 28**

**Thursday, May 29, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rob Clarke for Betty Hinton,  
Carole Freeman for Roger Gaudet,  
and Daniel Petit for Ron Cannan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*United States Department of Veterans Affairs:*

Linda Fischetti, Acting Chief, Health Information Office;  
Gail Graham, Director, Health Data and Informatics, Veterans  
Health Administration;  
Susan McCrea, Liaison Officer, Intergovernmental Affairs;  
Steve Muro, Director of Field Programs;  
Keith Pedigo, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits for  
Policy and Program Management.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by videoconference at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Rob Clarke for Betty Hinton, Carole Freeman for Roger Gaudet and Daniel Petit for Ron Cannan.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: United States Department of Veterans Affairs:* Linda Fischetti, Acting Chief, Health Information Office; Gail Graham, Director, Health Data and Informatics, Veteran's Health Administration; Susan McCrea, Liaison Officer, Intergovernmental Affairs; Steve Muro, Director of Field Programs; Keith Pedigo, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits for Policy and Program Management.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/30 8:43 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 29**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
and Hon. Maria Minna for Todd Norman Russell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Australian High Commission:*  
His Excellency William Fisher, High Commissioner.

*Australian Department of Veterans Affairs:*  
Adam Luckhurst.

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Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Hon. Maria Minna for Todd Norman Russell.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Australian High Commission:* His Excellency William Fisher, High Commissioner.

*Australian Department of Veterans Affairs:* Adam Luckhurst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee travel to the National Military Cemetery at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa on Thursday June 12, 2008 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in relation to its Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$400 for the Committee's travel to the National Military Cemetery be increased to \$500.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/04 2:54 p.m.



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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 30**

**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, June 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany:* Matthias Reibold, Defence Attaché.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

At 3:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:12 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/06 9:37 a.m.



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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Rob Anders.

**Meeting No. 31**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Appellation of Room 112 North, Centre Block.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Roger Gaudet,  
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker;

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons.

The Hon. Peter Milliken made a statement and, with Audrey O'Brien, answered questions.

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Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Anders, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Appellation of Room 112 North, Centre Block.

The Hon. Peter Milliken made a statement and, with Audrey O'Brien, answered questions.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Vice-Chair: Brent St. Denis.

**Meeting No. 32**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Ron Cannan,  
Betty Hinton,  
Gilles-A. Perron,  
Todd Norman Russell,  
Bev Shipley,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Peter Stoffer,  
David Sweet  
and Roger Valley.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Representatives of New Zealand:*  
Hon. Rick Barker, Minister of Veterans' Affairs;



French Close

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met by videoconference at 4:02 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Brent St. Denis, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Ron Cannan, Betty Hinton, Gilles-A. Perron, Todd Norman Russell, Bev Shipley, Brent St. Denis, Peter Stoffer, David Sweet and Roger Valley.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Representatives of New Zealand:* Hon. Rick Barker, Minister of Veterans Affairs; Fiona Macrae, Deputy Director, Veterans Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 1, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8.

At 4:07 p.m. the Chair took the Chair.

The Hon. Rick Barker made a statement and, with the Fiona Macrae, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira  
Clerk of the Committee

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